

T-769

c. 1900

John U. Green House and Store
Bellevue
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOHN U. GREENE HOUSE AND STORE

MHT Inventory Number: T-769

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
COMMUNITY PLANNING
- 2) Geographic Orientation: COMMENCE
EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
1870 - 1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
 1. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING
 2. STORE BUILDING

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN U. GREENE HOUSE AND STORE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Dawson Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Bellevue ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John U. Greene house and store are located on the west side of Dawson Street in the center of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house is joined on the lot by a single story rectangular frame store building. Both structures face southeast. The roof on the house is oriented on a northeast/southwest axis, while the hip roof of the store follows a northwest/southeast orientation.

Built around 1900, the two buildings are supported by low brick foundations, and they are sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. Asphalt shingles cover the steeply pitched gable and hip roofs.

The two-story, three-bay frame house has a symmetrical southeast elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The partially glazed front door is topped by a two-light transom. Three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows illuminate the second floor. Rising from each gable end is an interior end brick chimney. The eaves are extended slightly with short returns at the base of the roof.

The southeast (main) elevation of the store is marked by a side entrance filled with a partially glazed door and a multi-pane display window. The sides of the store are pierced by single-pane sash windows. Rising through the northwest side is an interior brick chimney.

The interiors of each building were not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant/Talbot County date 5/28/90

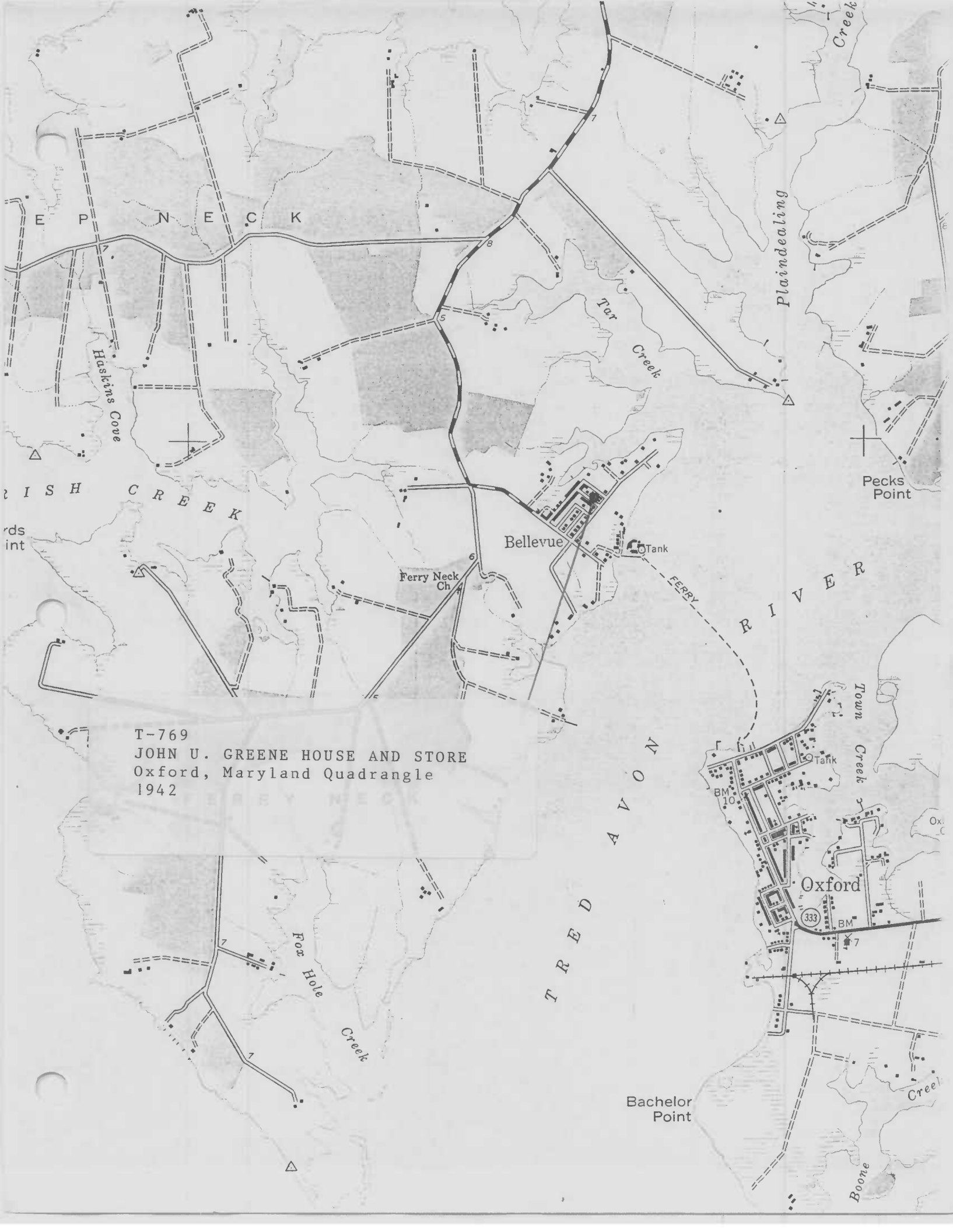
street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state MD 21871

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JOHN U. GREENE HOUSE AND STORE
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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JOHN U. GREENE HOUSE AND STORE

Southwest elevation

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

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JOHN U. GREENE HOUSE AND STORE

Northwest elevation

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

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